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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Construction (Design and Management)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**PART 3**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY DUTIES AND ROLES**

**Duties of a principal contractor in relation to health and safety at the construction phase**

**13.**—(1) The principal contractor shall plan, manage and monitor the construction phase and coordinate matters relating to health and safety during the construction phase to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, construction work is carried out without risks to health or safety.

(2) In fulfilling the duties in paragraph (1), and in particular when—

- (a) design, technical and organisational aspects are being decided in order to plan the various items or stages of work which are to take place simultaneously or in succession; and
- (b) estimating the period of time required to complete the work or work stages,

the principal contractor shall take into account the general principles of prevention.

(3) The principal contractor shall—

- (a) organise cooperation between contractors (including successive contractors on the same construction site);
- (b) coordinate implementation by the contractors of applicable legal requirements for health and safety; and
- (c) ensure that employers and, if necessary for the protection of workers, self-employed persons—
  - (i) apply the general principles of prevention in a consistent manner, and in particular when complying with the provisions of Part 4; and
  - (ii) where required, follow the construction phase plan.

(4) The principal contractor shall ensure that—

- (a) a suitable site induction is provided;
- (b) the necessary steps are taken to prevent access by unauthorised persons to the construction site; and
- (c) facilities that comply with the requirements of Schedule 3 are provided throughout the construction phase.

(5) The principal contractor shall liaise with the principal designer for the duration of the principal designer's appointment and share with the principal designer information relevant to the planning, management and monitoring of the pre-construction phase and the coordination of health and safety matters during the pre-construction phase.